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Writing test to challenge new students' skills

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

Those who choose the road to higher education will face their first hurdle in the form of a writing proficiency test that will determine their eligibility for entering one of Montana's four-year institutions.

With a 6-to-1 vote during its July meeting, the Montana Board of Regents approved the development of a writing proficiency pilot program by the Joint K-16 Composition Standards Committee.

UM English professor Jocelyn Siler, said the test is still in the works and although the initial thought was that it would be administered to high school juniors, she said the committee is still determining who the focus group will be.

Siler said the test will be in the form of a writing exam where students will have a choice of what to write.

"We are not sure what direction the actual exam will take but the criteria on how exams will be judged will be public," Siler said. "So before people take

the test they will know what their success or failure will be based on."

Though she voted for the program, regent Lynn Morrison-Hamilton said she had some concerns whether the test would be fair for all students.

"I'm a little concerned about students having the ability to go on to higher education because they don't have the proficiency in writing," Morrison-Hamilton said.

Morrison-Hamilton's concerns are shared by others who feel students will be deterred from

continuing their education because the plan would rate writing ability and determine which students need remedial composition training.

Siler said the exam will be part of the admissions process so even out-of-state students will have access to the exam through a Web site. Siler stressed that the exam will not test people's knowledge of a particular subject but to test their skill in writing.

"The idea is not to deny access to people into the university system but to ensure people are in the branch of the Montana

University System that is best suited to their skill level," Siler said.

The four-year program, which will develop a system to test and assess the writing proficiency of college-bound students, is fair for every student because the tests will be individualized for different language abilities and usages, said Joyce Scott, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs in the Montana University System.

The plan would require students scoring at the lowest level

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Professor John Conway demonstrates tying a knot during his lecture on the mathematics of knots Thursday in the University Theater. John Locher/Kaimin

Professor proves to be clever knothead

Lecturer uses art of tying knots to explain math

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

Tying pieces of string together can't be explained mathematically.

Knot.

That was the theorem Princeton math professor John Horton Conway proved to an audience of hundreds at the University Theater Thursday night during the first Presidential Lecture of the semester.

Conway's sometimes complicated, often funny schpiel explained some advanced math ideas to a crowd made up of everyone from knot experts to folks who could only knot their shoelaces.

"The presentation was very

interesting and informative," Missoula resident Gene Smith said. "I'll never look at knots the same way again. I had no idea so much went into them."

Conway said he's been fascinated by knots since he was a student in Liverpool, England.

"The reason mathematicians study (knots) is because it's a very difficult problem and we like to sharpen our tools," Conway said. "If we can solve one difficult problem, we can solve another."

Conway added that the study of knots has little practical use, but it's a wonderful way for mathematicians to exercise their brains.

"In mathematics, it's often very hard to prove something that's obvious because it is obvious," Conway told the crowd. "It takes an exceptional amount of mathematics to tell if two knots are the same."

UM math professor Nikolaus

Vonessen said he was impressed by the way Conway communicated the tangle of math equations that make up a knot.

"He could explain some fairly advanced stuff in a way that was very elementary and very down to earth," Vonessen said.

UM math professor Keith Yale said though he didn't learn any new math, he thought Conway was an excellent teacher.

"He has a dynamic way of presenting things, and that's the most important part," Yale said.

For much of his presentation, Conway demonstrated knot tying with a shoelace he unlaced from an audience member in the first row.

"My problem is to contemplate just what on earth is going on," Conway said, tying knots in the patron's lace.

Conway used the lace and colored ropes to demonstrate his twists and turns. He also called

on several audience volunteers and humorously solicited audience participation.

"What country am I in?"

Conway mused in a deadpan tone. "I'm in America. I don't know if anyone can do arithmetic here anymore."

When the audience uniformly shouted the answer to the equation he posed, $2+3$, Conway quipped, "Now I'll go back to England and tell my colleagues it's all a lie."

With the flair of a magician and the formulas of an algebra teacher, Conway had four audience members demonstrate how to tangle two parallel ropes then untangle them using nothing but arithmetic.

"It's not magic at all," Conway told the crowd. "It's a mathematical formula."

Conway added, "Some tangles can now be understood

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Parking problem has no quick fix

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

The bad news is that UM students will soon have to pay more money to park on campus.

The good news is that a university transportation task force is tossing around ideas such as alternative transportation, variable parking fees and permanent off-campus parking to minimize the future parking-fee increase.

"All those things at the back of the tunnel have costs," Ken Willett, director of Public Safety, said.

Willett said students wouldn't see an increase in fees yet because he promised students he wouldn't raise fees this year, but said the task force must make decisions now to prepare for next year.

The task force, which is made up of students, administration, faculty and staff, Public Safety officials and other city and county transportation groups, is also looking for incentives for students to drive to campus less, said Nancy McKiddy, director of the ASUM Office of Transportation.

One of these incentives has already been implemented through a joint effort by ASUM, Public Safety and Missoula in Motion, a local transportation-efficiency group. With the Dornblaser Park-n-Ride system, students can park at Dornblaser Field, then catch a shuttle every 15 minutes to campus. McKiddy said 99 students rode the shuttle the first

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Parking

Support alternative transportation options

Anyone who has fought for a parking space on this campus knows the University of Montana has a serious parking problem.

So what can we do about it besides moan and complain? Build more parking spaces? Unfortunately, parking lots already take up much of this campus and we could do without more concrete.

Perhaps we shouldn't allow a certain population on this campus, say freshmen, to have cars. But that doesn't seem fair, does it?

Right now, it looks like an increase in the cost of parking decals will be the only solution if students don't start finding alternate ways to get to class.

Environmental benefits of walking or biking aside, alternate modes of travel alleviate the stress and hassle of fighting for a parking spot every morning.

The Mountain Line bus service and trolley, free to UM students, ASUM sponsored rent-a-bikes, and Park-n-Ride services are all free ways you can get to class.

For the cyclist, the ASUM Office of Transportation may add six new bike racks, so bike parking won't be as crowded as it currently is. There is also talk at ASUM about adding bike trails and bike lanes on campus to ease the flow of traffic on streets and sidewalks.

Mountain Line now runs until 9:30 p.m., which is much needed for students getting out of class or work late in the day.

So what do students need to do besides taking advantage of these free services, to ease the burden on parking? Let the student senate and the administration know these are services students want and need.

Next Wednesday, the ASUM Senate will vote on approval of a \$20,000 grant Mountain Line received to provide night service. If the motion fails, students will have to start paying to use the bus at night. We all know how nice it would be to get free transportation downtown to the bars, movie theaters or restaurants on Friday night. Let ASUM know you need this service: call them at 243-2451 and voice your opinion. That's what we elected them for anyway.

But don't stop there. Let ASUM know that you want Park-n-Ride services at locales other than Dornblaser Field. Let them know it would be nice to increase Mountain Line's hours even more, which might provide a designated driver service from the bars or, if you're a dedicated student, from the library at closing time. Let them know you think added bike lanes will help make the flow of traffic easier and organized carpooling will cut down traffic even more. Get off your ass and help beat the parking woes.

— Casey Temple

Notes from the Big Nowhere

Inside the unreal world of reality TV

Column by



Chad Dundas

These days, reality is everywhere. You can't leave the house without seeing some advertisement that claims to be "reality-based" or hearing some charlatan expounding on

how he "keeps it real." It's gotten so bad that now "reality" has even invaded television. And television may never be the same.

I was cool with it for a while, when it could be ignored. And hey, sometimes I even used to watch "Cops" and root for the underdog. But this summer, when "Survivor" caught fire for CBS, I turned off.

Soon enough, simple annoyance turned to resentment turned to loathing. Once "Big Brother" and ABC's asinine "Making the Band" were tossed in as garnish, I was ready to drop my TV in the bathtub. And not with me in it.

We must destroy the "reality" nation.

CBS and ABC undoubtedly decided to give their line-ups a more "natural" feel after finally noticing the success MTV has experienced with its "Real World" series and lame-brain spinoff "Road Rules." If it can be said that this relatively new genre has a hierarchy, then the "Real World" is the alpha male, the trailblazer.

The "Real World" made its debut on MTV when conventional networks were still producing their shows with old-fashioned accouterments like scripts and ancient ideals such as quality. "Real World," in fact, has been around so long that it is nearly impossible to mock or parody because it's become a stale spoof of itself. It's actually created its own cliches.

For example, "Real World" is always cast along strict demographic lines. From year to year the show's line-up remains eerily constant, only the names and faces change. The cast is typically yanked from a panel of stock personalities which, when put together, form a stereotypical caricature of youth-oriented pop culture.

There is always the innocent sheep, who is tossed into the mix solely to be corrupted by his/her house mates; the instigator, who slowly takes over the show by virtue of being the biggest ass; the player, a new, emerging character who uses the show for his/her own sexual designs; the needy homosexual, who refuses to check his/her baggage at the door and the disgruntled minority, who experiences obvious tension with the square character who need only be identified as "Whitey."

But all of its pigeonholing aside, what bothers me most about the "Real World," and most other reality television shows, is their total lack of anything real. This burns me. At least regular television is upfront about the fact that it's feeding you a line of hokey. These pretenders try to swindle you into thinking you're getting something genuine. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The "Real World" is the story of seven publicity seekers picked to be transported into a fantasy

land, where they live rent-free in a candy-land mansion, have their lives taped, edited into sound bites and put into heavy rotation on one of America's most popular cable stations. It's all to see what happens when people "stop being polite" and start having stinky, overweight film crews shove cameras in their faces 24-7.

This has never happened to me, or anyone I know. I guess we're not "real" enough for prime time.

In my real world, miscellaneous 20-somethings don't live in New Orleans plantation houses with hot pink ceilings and communal bathrooms. We can't afford wall-mounted flat televisions. Our carefree days are not

punctuated with Third Eye Blind, nor are our oh-so-emotional moments underscored by the Goo Goo Dolls.

Blind, nor are our oh-so-emotional moments underscored by the Goo Goo Dolls. "Survivor" came close to being even worse than "Real World." How can I take this stuff seriously when I know the "castaways" are surrounded at all times by a sprawling network production team? And who feeds that team? And where does that narrator guy wash and press his khaki outfits?

The final nail in "Survivor's" coffin, for me, was that corporate trainer Richard Hatch won the ultimate prize. If those people had really been stranded, meaty, robust Richard would have been the first one to get eaten.

Smash his head with a rock and fry him in his own juices. Now that's good TV. While we're at it, let's smash all reality television shows. For real.

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Republicans urge changes as Bush becomes the 'underdog'

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Pelted with unsolicited advice from worried Republicans, George W. Bush promised Thursday to retool his White House campaign. It includes a new slogan, "Real plans for real people," and far more interaction with voters.

The shift came as his team searched for ways to stem an advance that has allowed Democrat Al Gore to erase Bush's once-formidable lead and even pull ahead in some polls. "I am the underdog," Bush said.

"There's not a single one of us that's not discouraged," said Tom Slade, a former Florida legislator and state GOP chairman. "We had a 15, 20 point lead. We were just whistling down the street, and now we're whistling past the graveyard."

Bush at first bristled over the advice, calling his Republican critics few in number, "nervous," and "ready to jump out of the foxhole before the first shell is fired."

"That's Washington. I'm used to that kind of politics out of

Washington," he said. But then he conceded that some changes were in order — and others already under way. Bush said he would do more town hall meetings and signaled new flexibility on presidential debates.

While saying he still preferred his own schedule, he no longer appeared to be insisting upon it.

"It'll be worked out. I want there to be debates. The more who watch the better," he told reporters under the wing of his campaign plane in Detroit.

Bush campaigned Thursday with retired Gen. Colin Powell in a Detroit suburb and in Dayton. Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, another Gulf War figure during the Bush administration, joined them for the Ohio event.

Bush campaign aides suggested that the popular Powell, widely expected to be offered the job of secretary of state in a Bush administration, might play a more active role in the campaign.

Teamsters give backing, money to Gore

CARBONDALE, Pa. (AP) — Al Gore won, at long last, endorsement by the 1.4 million Teamsters union Thursday after nearly a year of courtship and delay.

The union has been especially impressed by Gore's "populist message" since the Democratic convention, spokesman Bret Caldwell said.

The Teamsters' 24-member executive board voted unanimously by phone to give Gore the endorsement and the millions of dollars in voter mobilization that come with it.

The endorsement is to be formally announced next week, with Gore expected to schedule a campaign stop to thank the union.

On Thursday, Gore, in blue jeans, told a group of Pennsylvania factory workers that his was a fight for the middle class. He drilled into Bush's agenda, reinforcing the full-page ad that his campaign placed in Thursday's New York Times to ask "Does it matter if the numbers all add up?"

Gore argued that tax cuts pushed by Bush would eat up the entire budget surplus and force the Republican to pay for other campaign promises through deficit spending.

It has been 11 months since the Teamsters, angry over Gore's free-trade views and joined by the United Auto Workers, broke ranks with the AFL-CIO and

refused Gore an early endorsement. Union leaders were further peeved when Gore, in mid-June, installed as campaign chairman former Commerce Secretary William Daley, the administration's point man in the trade fight against labor.

The autoworkers formally backed Gore last month.

The endorsement decided, the Teamsters now add their efforts to the more than \$40 million that the AFL-CIO and individual unions are pouring into voter education and get-out-the-vote activities designed to aid Gore. In all, the Teamsters political action teams are to spend \$9 million on Gore's and other races.

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Global warming presentation doesn't pack house

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

Contributing editor Stephen Corrick had a less-than-desirable turnout at his book signing Thursday night as he promoted the book, "Dead Mars, Dying Earth."

Due to a lack of advertisement, Corrick spoke to a crowd of one about the effects of global warming.

Perhaps the low attendance was not because of little coverage, but because of the lack of

concern some people show for the environment, Corrick said.

Corrick said that global warming was completely unheard of until people started filling the atmosphere with carbon monoxide in the 1700s with coal refineries.

According to Corrick, not enough is being done to stem the tide of global warming, a problem he says humans brought on themselves.

"If your house is on fire, it's not time to do an environmental impact study," Corrick said. "It's

time to put out the fire."

Jeanette Langston shares Corrick's belief that people should take action. A senior in recreation management, Langston said she still encounters those who remain ignorant to the dire straits the Earth's atmosphere is in.

"I talk to people everyday that are so stuck in what they believe in with regard to the environment that they aren't open to compiling any different information," Langston said.

Gubernatorial candidates visit UM

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

Montana Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark O'Keefe and running mate Carol Williams will be dishing the issues at UM Tuesday night.

The speech is free to the public and there will be complimentary pizza for all who attend.

Jesse Laslovich, president of the College Democrats, said the event will provide an excellent chance for students to learn about the candidates.

"It'll be a great opportunity for students to come and talk about the issues most important to their hearts," Laslovich said. "It's vital they come to ask questions and learn about how the candi-

dates are on issues and how they feel about certain things."

O'Keefe and Williams will discuss topics such as higher education, stream access, civil rights and youth in politics, among other issues.

Laslovich added that representatives from all statewide campaigns will also speak at the event.

"It's going to be a great event," Laslovich said. "There will be lots of speeches."

Jeff Greene, advisor for the College Republicans, said speakers from the GOP will also be brought in later in the semester.

O'Keefe and Williams will speak in the Mt. Sentinel Room on the third floor of the UC Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

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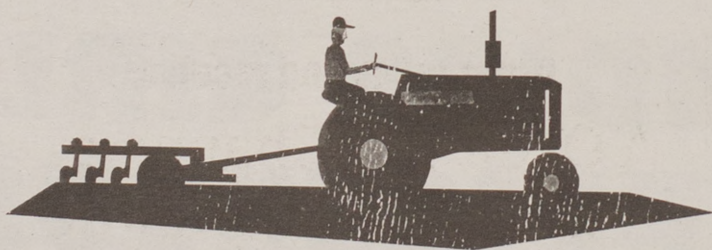
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EmineMTV awards: A bleeping good show

NEW YORK (AP) - Rapper Eminem took home the top prize at MTV's annual extravagant party - the Video Music Awards - which kept the censor busy and brought feuding rappers and rockers together in a celebration of pop music excess Thursday.

Hosts Shawn and Marlon Wayans had profanities bleeped out in an opening monologue that also featured a mooning, and the evening's first award presenter, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, told a lewd joke about an MTV personality partly censored.

It was typical for the annual awards ceremony, where making a dramatic impression is more important than taking home an award.

Eminem led the way with six nominations, as did the teen favorites he's often ridiculed, 'N Sync. The foul-mouthed rapper, the subject of a pre-show protest over his violent lyrics, has also feuded with Christina Aguilera

and Britney Spears.

"This is the one night where you can fit all these people I don't like into one room," he said. Eminem's "The Real Slim Shady" and 'N Sync's "Bye Bye Bye" were nominated for video of the year, along with D'Angelo's steamy "Untitled (How Does it Feel)," Blink 182's "All the Small Things" and Red Hot Chili Pepper's "Californication."

Punk rockers Blink 182 won for best group video in a mild upset over 'N Sync's popular "Bye Bye Bye."

With MTV airing fewer videos, the annual Video Music Awards is less about artistry in the form and more about celebrating the pop culture stars of the moment.

Before the show, members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation protested against MTV, angry at the network's support of Eminem. They say his lyrics promote violence against homosexuals and

women.

GLAAD said it asked MTV not to let Eminem perform at the Video Music Awards, but was refused. MTV's agreement to run a public-service advertisement discouraging violence against gays is "a very small consolation," said GLAAD's Scott Seomin.

MTV, in a statement, said Eminem's "homophobic and misogynistic lyrics" have never

appeared on the network.

"While many people find his lyrics offensive or irresponsible, including many of us at MTV, he's obviously struck a chord with our audience," MTV said. "We think the most honest and effective thing to do is offer a forum for all of these viewpoints on our network."

Eminem told MTV, "I say things just to get a rise out of the critics and a rise out of people."

2000 MTV Video Music Award Winners

Best video: Eminem, "The Real Slim Shady"

Male video: Eminem, "The Real Slim Shady"

Female video: Aaliyah, "Try Again"

Rap video: Dr. Dre featuring Eminem, "Forgot About Dre"

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Left, Samantha Epstein tears the budding tops of basil from their stocks and packs them into a bag. Right, Six-year-old Josie Grigsby lets her father know exactly which potato she wants to take home.

GIVE PEAS A CHANCE

Agricultural program looks for students to support organic farming while earning a few credits

Story by Melanthia Mitchell

Photos by Lido Vizzutti

Josh Slotnick is always searching for people willing to get a little dirty.

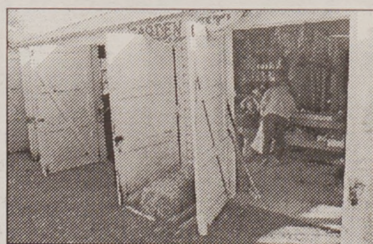
Slotnick, the director of the Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society, says this year's search carries a little more weight because of the program's need for more students.

PEAS, which lost its funding last fall, is currently running under the protective wing of UM's Continuing Education Department. Because of the cutback, Slotnick says student funding now pays for the program. A minimum of 27 students taking the class and 20 serving as interns are needed to sustain the program through the fall. With only 22 and 12 serving respectively right now, Slotnick says the program is once again running in the red.

During the school year, students take the course for one credit and work as interns for 2 credits. During the summer, the credits are doubled for students interested in working the local acreage which PEAS uses to plant and harvest vegetables. Because a student pays \$195 for each credit, anything less than the minimum enrollment puts a strain on the program.

"We need to meet this goal to ultimately survive," Slotnick says.

Now that the program is completely funded by students, Slotnick says he is asking for more people to volunteer both their time and money to continue the tradition.



PEAS is now in its fourth season. Slotnick says over the years, the program has had two major accomplishments each year. On a smaller scale, it provides students with the opportunity to learn sustainable agriculture through the combined effort of hands-on work and traditional academics.

On a greater scale, the students provide the Missoula Food Bank with large quantities of high-quality food for people who really need it.

"This year we'll end up providing the food bank with about 15,000 pounds of food," Slotnick says.

Because the course is centered

Above, junior sociology major Samantha Epstein (left) helps Hank Leffler collect vegetables at the PEAS farm located at Fort Missoula. Leffler is picking up food for those who can't make it for themselves. Left, inside the PEAS farm barn, Hannah Reagan (left) and mother Erin Reagan select their vegetables.

around the actual work, students do, Slotnick says he feels students can only benefit from the service they provide to the community.

"There's a strong connection to the community here," Slotnick says. "This isn't just an exercise; there are real results from (students') work."

Samantha Epstein, a junior in sociology, says she was drawn to the program for more personal reasons.

"Really, I wanted to learn how to be a farmer. How to grow my own food and how to be more self-sufficient," Epstein says.

Epstein added that working for PEAS gives her a sense of gratifica-

tion that she can't get anywhere else.

"Because it's all locally grown, you're supporting students," Epstein says. "Plus, it's fresh and organic (produce). It's just an all-around great deal."

Local film maker Dru Carr says he buys shares in PEAS because he wants to give back to the community.

"I want to support local, organic farming," Carr says. "It's fresher food, it's more healthy and the money stays right here."

Carr added that because the program is centered around crop sharing, he believes it turns the entire paradigm of market shopping around so that it benefits everyone.

PEAS, in conjunction with the Garden City Harvest Project, allows people to purchase community-supported agriculture shares. People can purchase shares for \$180, \$250 and \$310. Through purchasing a share, people have access to a multitude of affordable organic vegetables.

Slotnick says the heart of the program is during the summer when students work 16-hour weeks from the third week in May until the beginning of October. Some students attend the Monday and Thursday pickup when shareholders collect their allotment of vegetables.

Justin Wagstaff, a senior in liberal studies, says through PEAS, he is given the chance to give back to the Missoula community.

"It's a cultural and community project. I've been here for three years and I wanted to contribute to the community," Wagstaff says. "It basically fills a void that people usually try to fill with material objects."

To purchase a CSA share, contact the PEAS office at 523-FOOD (3663) or visit its office at 103 Hickory St.

New racks may alleviate bike parking problem

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

UM parking lots aren't the only spaces that are experiencing overcrowding, according to student cyclists.

"When you get here in the morning on your bike," said senior John Spritzer, "it's almost as bad as parking a car."

The ASUM transportation committee hopes to help the problem by installing six new bike racks donated by the city, but needs to get permission from the university or the city may repossess them.

"We fear we may lose (the bike racks) because we're waiting for the Committee for Campus and Facilities to approve where we want to put them," ASUM transportation director Nancy Kiddy said.

Kiddy said she wants to put the racks just south of the UC, in

front of the Davidson Honors College, and on the west end of the Social Sciences Building.

"These are areas that would benefit from having bike racks," Kiddy said. "And we thought we could correct these areas with the racks from the city."

Kiddy said the city will take the racks back if they're not used by Sept. 15. In order to get used, the ASUM transportation committee needs their proposal OK'd from the CCF.

Hugh Jesse, director of Facilities Services, said the CCF will meet Sept. 14.

Jesse said the relatively small number of racks in highly-trafficked places seems to go against the precedent the CCF has set in the late '90s.

"Over the last five years the CCF has said it's interested in putting in mass bike parking where we can," Jesse said. "One

of the racks developed for that was put between the Liberal Arts Building and Rankin Hall. We also quadrupled the number of bike racks on top of the Urey Lecture Hall."

Jesse added, "We're dealing with two competing issues; bikers want to be as close as they can to the buildings and other people want the racks on the perimeters."

Kiddy said as part of the deal of getting the six racks, the city will pay to install three of them and

split the cost with the university on the other three. Kiddy said the entire installation cost for UM would be just over \$100.

"It's really not that much," Kiddy said. "It would be a real shame to lose these racks."

Kiddy added that the installa-

tion cost will come from the ASUM transportation fund.

Ken Willet, Public Safety director who coordinates bike racks on campus, said he's hoping for a green light from the CCF.

"If the committee approves it," Willet said, "Slam Bam, we'll do it."

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of proficiency to attend one of Montana's five two-year colleges or community colleges until they are ready to attend a four-year college.

"To prevent students from entering into a degree program could stop a lot of students from even trying," Morrison-Hamilton said.

A strong supporter of the plan, UM President George

Dennison said that the four years it took collaborating the program ensures it will be an appropriate and fair test. Rather than a screening device, the test will serve as a tool to ensure students get the education they deserve.

"We're not talking about content, we're talking about skill level," Dennison said.

Director of the UM McNair Scholars Program, Larry LaCounte, said he feels the program will ultimately be best for students, although it will hurt some. Native American students

who come from reservation-based systems will be more affected by the program than students from urban areas, LaCounte said.

Although the initial outcome may be harmful for Native American students, LaCounte said it is something that will benefit them in the end because it will call for more responsibility from everyone.

"Somehow, at sometime, something has to shake up, not just the schools' systems but the parents of the students," LaCounte said.

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Parking

day of school, and 177 students rode the shuttle the second day.

Another option is variable-rate parking. Students could buy parking passes at different costs to park only one day a week up to five days a week, McKiddy said.

A third option is permanent off-campus parking, primarily for dorm residents. McKiddy said the university could buy space off campus for students who don't use their cars daily.

However, McKiddy said

Public Safety must either increase the parking fee, or the university must increase student transportation fees.

"The question is, should parkers pay for transportation options or should everyone pay for transportation options?" she said.

Alternative transportation options will still be less expensive than building more parking, Willett said.

Paving a new lot would cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000 per parking space, Willett estimated, while building a new parking garage on land owned by the university would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

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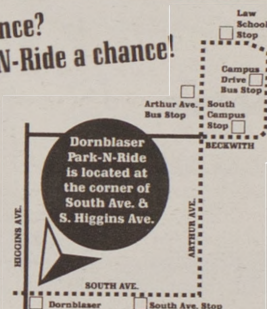
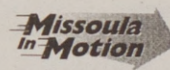
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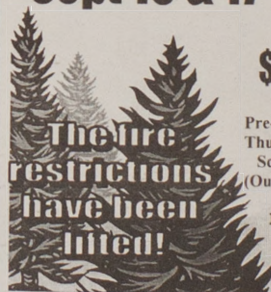
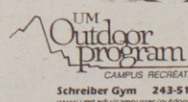
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Hot line set up for harassment, hazing victims

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Students who find themselves being harassed or hazed can now report their cases, anonymously or not, to a new campus hot line.

Charles Couture, dean of students, said he set up the Hazing and Harassment Hot Line in response to information he has received through the media regarding an increase in hazing and harassment in high schools and college campuses nationwide, although he has seen no significant increase here at UM.

The lack of reported harassment cases doesn't surprise Jennifer Euell, coordinator of

Student Assault Recovery Services, which is the campus organization devoted to helping victims of assault. She said harassment, especially sexual harassment, usually happens more often than it is reported because of its negative connotations.

Still, she said she feels the hot line is a good idea.

"Any sort of effort to bring attention to that is beneficial," Euell said. "At least we'll have

more of an idea of what's going on."

"The university is trying to be proactive," Couture said.

The phone number is 243-6555. Callers are directed straight to a voice mailbox, where they can be directed to Public Safety in case of an emergency. The message then says that callers can report any hazing, racial or sexual harassment, or "other kinds of malicious intimidation." The message then urges callers to describe

the incident in detail and to leave their name and phone number to allow the university to follow up on their cases.

Couture said that callers may remain anonymous, but he encourages them to identify themselves so he can refer their cases to the proper university department.

Students in an emergency situation should call Public Safety or 911 directly, he said.

The hot line has been up and

running for several weeks, although Couture said he has received no messages yet. He said in his six years as dean of students, where he handles student conduct code violations among students living off campus, he has seen a handful of sexual harassment cases and no hazing cases.

Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life, said he has seen almost no incidents of hazing among on-campus residents.

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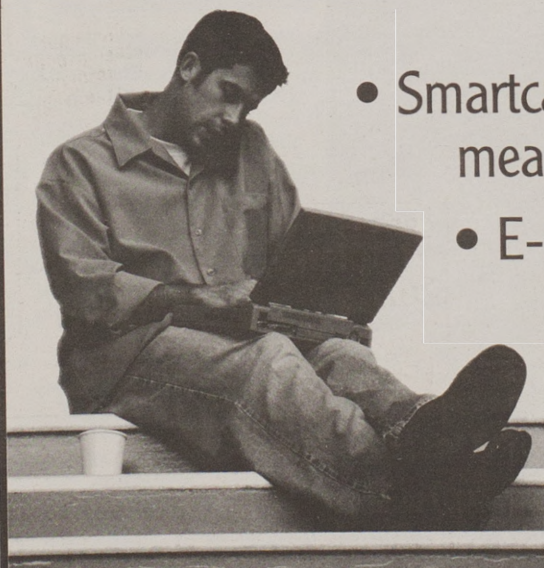
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Griz hope to bring home the 'Little Brown Stein'

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When the UM football team tangles with long-time rival Idaho Saturday, both teams will be doing their best to keep each other out of Washington State's end zones.

In a move started last year to bolster attendance for Division I-A Idaho, the Moscow, Idaho, school negotiated use of Washington State

University's Martin Stadium in Pullman, Wash. The move eight miles west increased possible Vandal home game attendance to 25,000

per game, much more than the previous 16,000-seat capacity of their former home, the Kibbie Dome.

When asked if playing in Pullman felt like home to new Idaho head coach Tom Cable, the former Idaho offensive lineman said, "It may not feel like home to me because I've never played there."

But it won't matter where the 80th renewal of the UM-Idaho rivalry is played. With both squads coming off tough losses and with memories of the Vandals' 33-30 victory last year in Missoula still fresh in both teams' minds, it should prove to be a tough match-up.

Idaho lost last weekend to the nationally ranked Washington

Huskies, 44-20, after committing five turnovers, while the Griz dropped a 10-9 decision to Hofstra University.

"It's huge," Cable said of the rivalry. "At Idaho, two games are the most important: Boise State and Montana."

Cable played and coached at Idaho from 1982-88. On the other side of the field during many of those years was current Griz head coach Joe Glenn, a member of the UM coaching staff from 1980-85.

The two first-year coaches will vie for the "Little Brown Stein," a 12-pound beer mug awarded to the game's winner since 1938. Idaho leads the all-time series, 55-22-2.

Glenn didn't mince words about how the Vandals will approach this year's border war. "They're going to hammer it at us," he said.

Cable said he, too, expects the contest to be physical and said he knows what his team will have to do to win.

"We have got to contain that quarterback," Cable said of UM senior Drew Miller. Last year, Miller threw for 399 yards and two scores against Idaho.

Miller's offensive teammates will be facing a Vandal defense that stars All-America candidate Chris Nofaiga at linebacker and Cleavon Bradshaw at cornerback. Bradshaw led the Idaho defense in tackles last week and had one interception.

"They're a phenomenal team. We know we've got to play a great game, period."

—Adam Boomer
linebacker



Junior receiver T.J. Oelkers stops to check a broken chin strap during a recent Grizzly practice.

Lido Vizzutti/Kaimin

On offense, the Vandals return the competent John Welsh at quarterback and boast a big, talented offensive line anchored by another All-American candidate, Rick DeMulling at guard.

UM senior linebacker Adam Boomer knows that the Griz defense will be put to the test Saturday. But UM's leading tackler last week said he thinks his corps will rise to the occasion.

"I think people over-hyped our defense last week," he said, referring to the Griz's ability to hold a vaunted Hofstra offense to 10 points. "But I know for a fact that I can play better, and a lot of other guys (on defense) feel the same way."

Boomer, a Vandal fan in his younger days while growing up in American Falls, Idaho, knows the Grizzlies have their work cut out

for them.

"They're a phenomenal team," he said. "We know we've got to play a great game, period."

The Grizzly-Vandal kickoff is at 2:07 p.m. Mountain Standard Time and will be televised by Omega Television Productions LLC. It airs statewide on AT&T cable systems (Channel 56 in Missoula). The game can also be heard on KGVO-AM 1290.

Volleyball team prepares to think less, play harder

Ryan Divish
Montana Kaimin

When the University of Montana volleyball team takes the court this weekend in Wichita, Kan., head coach Nikki Best wants her team to think less on the court.

Think less?

The Grizzlies, still making adjustments to their new coaching staff and new system, have been tentative at times, according to Best. She said this was a result of putting too much thought into their on-court decisions and she wants her team to play a little more aggressively in the four matches at the Wichita State Volleyball Tournament.

"Our team is still growing," Best said. "I think that they're learning to make better decisions and sometimes it takes awhile to get comfortable and play without thinking."

UM went 1-3 at the IKON Husky Classic last weekend, losing matches to Connecticut, St. Peters and Illinois State while defeating New Orleans. Best admitted that the team is still trying to get comfortable with the system and each other.

"We've asked them to raise the level of play and make those decisions," Best said. "It takes time to get comfortable, and it's only going to help in

the long run. It's my guess that we will play much better this weekend."

While the Griz went into their first tournament not knowing much about their opponents, they will have scouted their foes a little bit more this time around.

The Griz open up with Iowa State and then face Butler on Friday. Wichita State and Louisiana Tech are Saturday's competition. Best, who was an assistant at Nebraska, is familiar with Iowa State, having coached against them in conference play.

"Iowa State is very big," Best said. "Size-wise they are much bigger, much taller and set a much bigger block."

Iowa State, 1-2, is led by sophomore outside hitter Sarah Rollman and senior middle blocker Stacy Nicks while Sara Stribe, a two-sport athlete (basketball), is a solid setter.

With four of the Cyclones' six starters over six feet tall, the Griz will look to counter their size with quickness and versatility.

Things won't get easier for the Grizzlies when they take on the Butler Bulldogs.

Butler, 2-1, will use a different offensive play from most volleyball teams. The strategy is designed for sophomore middle blocker Keely Norris, who

is one of the Bulldogs' leaders in kills.

Best said the Grizzlies have been working on a defense for the play and will look to neutralize Norris.

The Grizzlies round out the tournament Saturday against Wichita State and Louisiana Tech.

Wichita State, 0-3, has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons and is struggling.

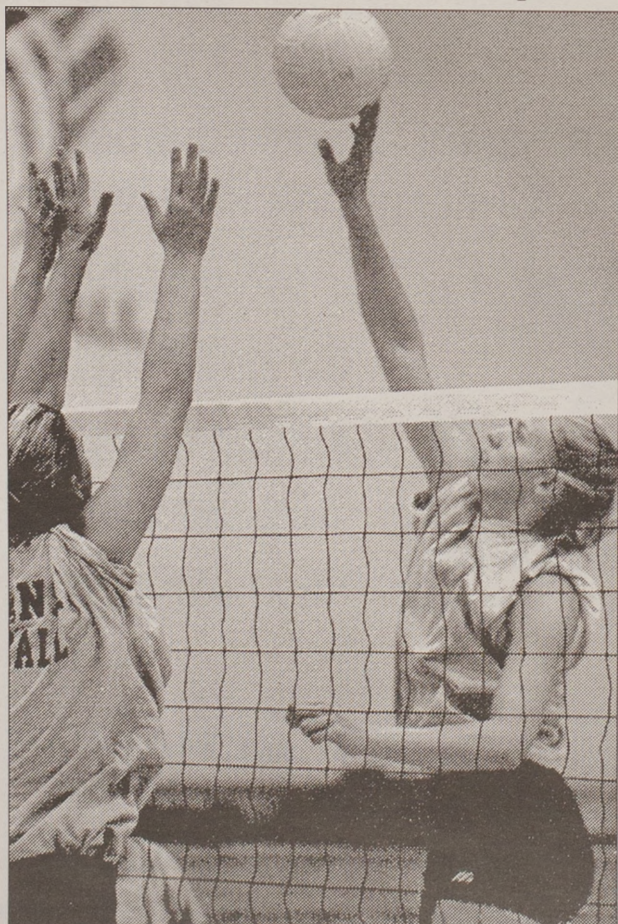
"I talked to their coach last week," Best said. "And they're hurting a little bit confidence-wise and also physically. They just don't have the numbers that they should."

Louisiana Tech, 2-3, is lead by Brazilian freshman Cristine Sant'Anna with 3.13 kills per game. Tech also gets major contributions from seniors Mandy Arnold and Julia Mann.

Best said the field will feature different styles of play which will be beneficial to prepare for the conference season.

Regardless of who they are playing, the Grizzlies must be aggressive and fight back when they get down, which is something they didn't do in their first two games.

"The bottom line is that what we learned is that we can't back down no matter whether or not we make the right decision," Best said. "We always have to be aggressive."



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Middle blocker Theresa Stringer executes a tip shot during practice Wednesday in the Western Auxiliary Gym.

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Soccer team heads to the Midwest

Ryan Divish
Montana Kaimin

Going into the 2000 season, head soccer coach Betsy Duerksen knew her team would be a little short on experience. But that didn't stop Duerksen from putting together a typically brutal non-conference schedule to prepare the Griz for the conference season.

The Grizzlies, in the midst of that non-conference schedule, will face two skilled opponents as they travel to Evanston, Ill., to take on the Minnesota Golden Gophers and Northwestern Wildcats this weekend.

Montana, 3-1, is coming off a 5-0 victory over Portland State and will face a strong Gopher team Friday at 1 p.m.

"Minnesota is going to be tough," Duerksen said. "They will probably be our second best opponent to date."

The best team, according to Duerksen, was BYU, which beat the Grizzlies 5-2. She compared Minnesota to a pesky Utah team that the Griz beat 2-1 in overtime.

Minnesota, 2-1, picked up a pair of 1-0 wins over Iowa and 19th-ranked Kentucky.

Duerksen expects the Gophers to put a lot of pressure on the Griz defense while working the ball to senior forward Laurie Seidl. Seidl, who scored the game winning goal against Kentucky, ranks fourth on Minnesota's all-time scoring list and is looking to become a four-year all-conference

"I think in the past four games we've definitely improved every game. We seem like we're a young team that's picking things up really quickly."

—Betsy Duerksen
head soccer coach

player.

Duerksen said that defensively, the Griz will try to stop Minnesota from flowing the ball to Seidl.

Besides Seidl, juniors Alison Rackley and Julie

Eibensteiner are also key players for the Gophers. Rackley, a center midfielder, has Minnesota's other goal of the season while Eibensteiner, a goal keeper, has a pair of shutouts on the year.

The Grizzlies will then face a Northwestern team that Duerksen feels is beatable. Montana defeated Northwestern last season 2-0 in Missoula. The Wildcats, who were ranked at the time went on to struggle the rest of the season finishing 4-12-1.

The Wildcats, 1-3 this season, are once again off to a slow start. They were shellacked 5-1 by that same Kentucky team. However, they are still a quality opponent playing on their home field.

The Wildcats are led by junior forward Katie Hertz. Duerksen said that Hertz played well last year against UM and will be a player that the Grizzlies will be looking to stop.

Freshman Kristina Pearce has scored both of the Wildcats goals this season and will be another player for the Griz to contend with.

Despite their youth, Duerksen is pleased with her players thus far.

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The Grizzlies will take on Northwestern at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Men's soccer club recruiting players

The University of Montana men's soccer club will be in action this weekend. According to team captain Javier Gonzalez, the men's team will play at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. on Sunday at the South Campus Field. The team, which went undefeated last year, will play a 14-game season with the possibility of playing in the Northwest Regional Championship.

While the team has games this weekend, they are still looking for new team members. They will be holding open tryouts on Tuesday at Dornblaser Field at 5:30 p.m. on the South Campus fields. Gonzalez said that they will definitely need additional players for the remainder of

the season. Gonzalez also said that the people can stop by at the team's practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m..

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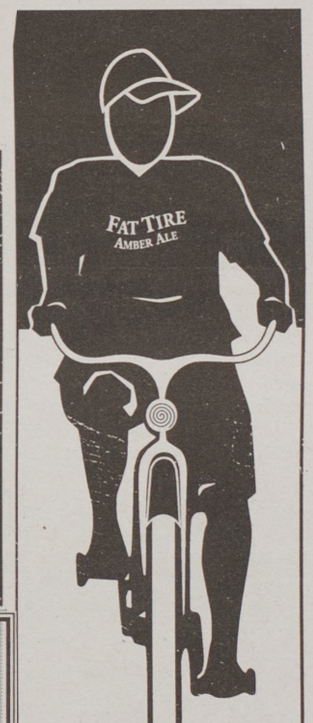
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Public Safety name game gets varied reactions

Nate Schweber
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Students at UM have mixed feelings about a committee decision to change the name of the university police force from "Campus Security" to "Public Safety."

"Public Safety" seems a little nicer than "Campus Security," graduate student Amber Covey said. "Though the word 'police' would sound a lot safer."

A 17-member committee decided early last spring to change the organization's name to better describe their duties.

In July, two of the three UM squad cars were adorned with a new logo and each UM police officer got new patches to wear on her or his uniform. The entire cost of the new paint jobs and threads was around \$1,200, which came from Public Safety's budget.

"I think they're idiots," sophomore Lewis Nelson said. "They're spending more money and I don't know if they're going to improve anything or change anything besides their look."

Public Safety Lt. Charles Gatewood said the jobs of the 30 employees and 12 sworn law enforcement officers who work for Public Safety have not changed. Gatewood, who has a note taped near his phone to get him in the habit of answering it by saying "Public Safety," said his job is exactly the same.

"I don't care what they call it," junior Ieva Bernzina said. "If the establishment is the same, I don't care if the name is different."

Sophomore Scott Debnam said he thinks the new name conjures up a less fearful image.

"The name 'Public Safety' seems applicable," Debnam said. "It seems more user friendly."

Freshman Alex Habens said he doesn't see the point in trying to manipulate the organization's image through changing its name.

"I think it's pretty stupid they have 'Public Safety' written on their vehicles," Habens said. "Why don't they just call them 'Campus Cops'?"

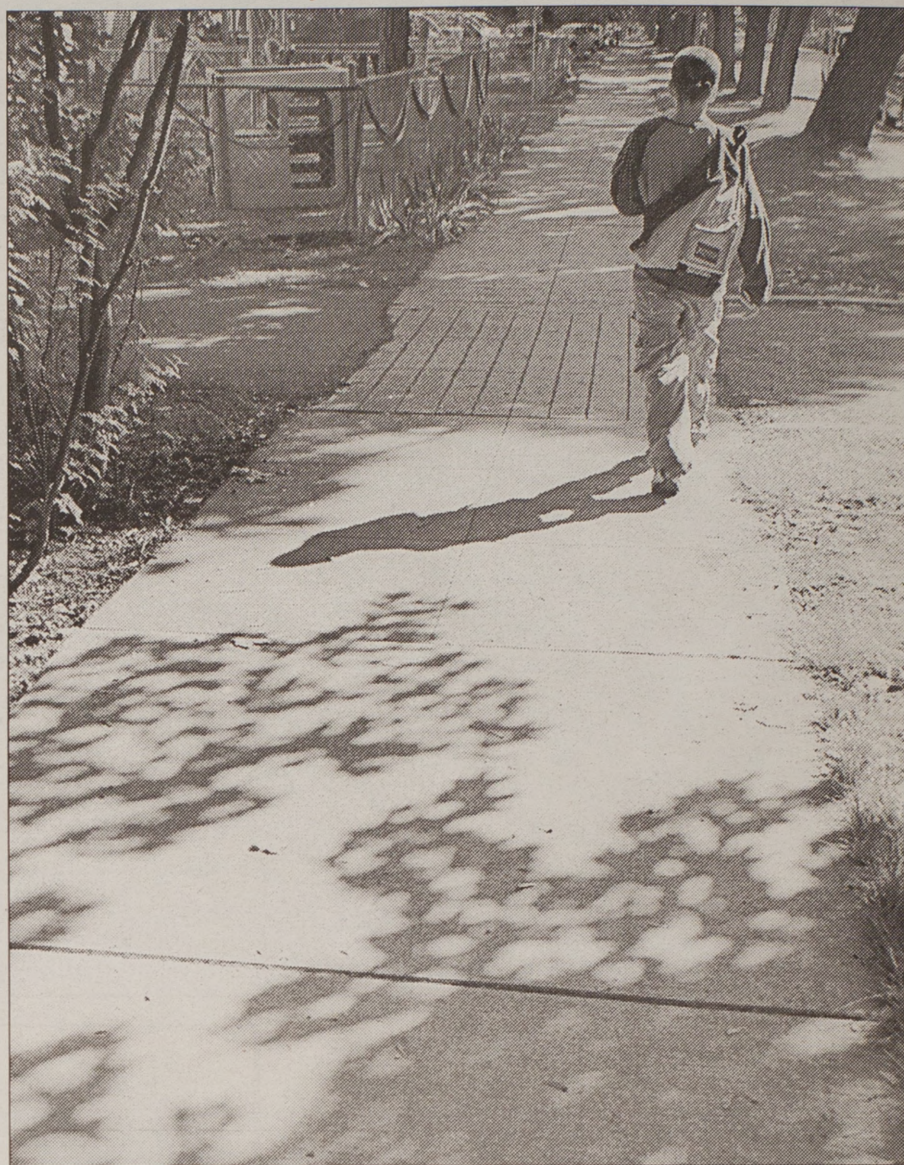
Junior Neil Thomas said he thinks the name change is misleading.

"I don't know why they changed it," Thomas said. "It sounds like they're doing something else when they're really just doing the same thing as before."

Ultimately, graduate student Elise Bratton said she doesn't care what the force is called, as long as it's there.

"It seems like whoever's making it 'Public Safety' is making it more PC so it doesn't sound like we're being herded around by security," Bratton said. "But when I'm walking home alone across campus at night, they make me feel safer no matter what they're called just because they're here."

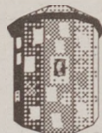
Afternoon stroll



Adrienne Gump/Kaimin

Billy Formay, 16, walks under the shade of trees on Daly Street Thursday morning.

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